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Title of Application	Polymeric medium for the Retention of Reagent Species for Use in a Hand-Held Device for the Relatively Rapid Detection of the Presence of an Analyte of Interest in a Sample
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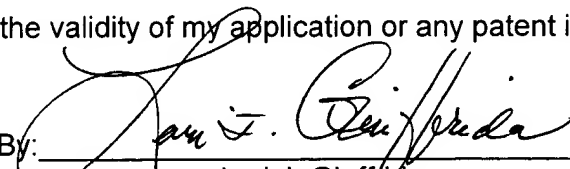
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